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Stay up to date with your vaccinations

To provide the most protection against COVID-19, a fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose is recommended for people at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, three months after their initial booster dose.

It is recommended the following people should get a fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose:

- people aged 50 years or older
- residents of aged care or disability care facilities
- people who are severely immunocompromised (this will be their fifth dose)
- people aged 16 years or older who:
 - are immunocompromised
 - have or survived certain cancers
 - have an autoimmune disease requiring treatment
 - have a chronic or severe disease that affects their lungs, liver, kidneys, brain, or heart
 - have diabetes requiring medication
 - have a disability with significant or complex health needs
 - are severely overweight or underweight.

People aged 30 to 49 years can also receive a fourth dose if they choose.

HMAS CRESWELL LIA PROJECT UPDATE

After a slow start due to the extraordinary amount of rain that we have had in the region, the Living In Accommodation project at HMAS Creswell is now starting to gather pace. The Defence accommodation project involves the construction of 11 accommodation blocks (nine two-storey and two single level buildings) for 156 occupants, along with parking, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

At present, the site team are undertaking civil and excavation works as well as in-ground services. The pre-fabricated floor, wall and ceiling panels will start to arrive in the week commencing 29 August, which will see an increase in truck movements into the site.

The community is thanked for their support and patience while this is occurring. The site team continue to liaise with JBTA, Jervis Bay School and Defence to ensure the works proceed smoothly and efficiently. BYCC will provide further updates as the project progresses up to the planned completion in March 2023.



Water pipeline update

Earlier this year, the Department engaged Shoalhaven Water to design a proposed water pipeline between the water reservoir at Vincentia to Rocky Point Reservoir in JBT. The first studies and survey are now complete, and a Review of Environmental Factors was publicly exhibited for comment by the community. The REF public exhibition period has closed and two submissions were received. The project team is exploring the issues raised in the feedback to determine whether changes to the design are required, and any other considerations.

This information is feeding into the detailed design stage now under way. At this stage, we expect construction works will be tendered in early 2023, with construction commencing in mid-2023.



Lake Windemere water levels

Following the recent rains, the water height for Lake Windemere is over 14m at the pontoon. It hasn't been this high since the pontoon was set up in the early 2000s. Department contractors are making sure pumps and switchgear remain operational.

Lake Windemere is a dune-fed body of water and is JBT's potable water source. The water level will continue to be monitored closely and should the water levels continue to rise we may have to move some of the pumping infrastructure.

At this time, there is no concern with accessing the water and the water quality.

It's said the historical high levels are over 20m! That happened in the 1990s and in the 1970s. At that time, water flowed down from Lake McKenzie into Lake Windemere.



What's on in JBT?

Road Ready Course – (Pre-Learner Driver Licence)

Our next Road Ready Course for JBT residents eligible to obtain their Learner Driver Licence has been scheduled.

Details of the scheduled course are:

Course Date: Monday, 26 September 2022

Course Time: 10:30 – 4:00pm.

Course Location: Booderee National Park Training Room – Jervis Bay Territory

Course Cost:

- Free for currently enrolled school students (Please note: Proof of School Enrolment must be supplied)
- \$180.00 (if applicant is not enrolled in school)

Practical Driving Test – Provisional Licence (P-Plates)

Practical Driving Tests in the JBT have been scheduled for Thursday, 29 September 2022. To book a Practical Driving Test, all participants must:

- Pay the applicable fee of \$112.30
- Be at least 17 years of age
- Have held a Learner Driver Licence for 12 months or 6 months if aged 25 years or over
- Provide a Completed Logbook with required Driving Hours:
 - Under 25 – 90 Day hours & 10 Night hours
 - 25 years over – 45 Day hours & 5 Night hours

As minimum numbers are required for both Road Ready and Practical Driving Tests, it is essential you book with JBT Operations Office as soon as possible, by visiting the office during business hours or calling (02) 4442 2200.

BNP joint board meeting

The Booderee National Park Joint Board of Management will have its regular meeting on 17 and 18 August 2022. Booderee National Park and Booderee Botanic Gardens have been jointly managed by the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council and the Director of National Parks since December 1995.

JBTA office hours

The office is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, between 9am – 12noon and 1pm – 4pm for all matters including motor registry, dog registrations, bill payments and tip pass collection.